

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Please do not allow cable companies more power than they already have. The democratic process was based upon freedom of choice, and a move to eliminate regulations on any corporation's size will inevitably cause less choice, less freedom, and a more hostile marketplace for both the consumer and the small business owner. I strongly oppose this review, and hope you find in favor of the people, who will undoubtedly suffer, if companies like AOL Time Warner and their ilk are given this authority.

Thank you for your time.

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